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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1490

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Change Date of School Board Elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Behning

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires that school board members selected by election must be elected at general elections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill should present a minimal impact to the expenditures of county election boards and circuit court clerks. Expenditures for ballots for school board would be shifted from primary to general elections, which may require a slight adjustment to county primary and general election budgets.

If there are school board elections currently conducted during a municipal primary or municipal election, the towns in which school boards are elected may experience a savings in expenditures. Under the bill, the county would take on the election of these officials during a general election, which would not be charged to the town. The town could save the expenses for school board ballots produced for a municipal primary or municipal election.

Background Information: Under current law, county election boards are required, with some exceptions, to conduct a municipal primary and election. Expenses from county-operated municipal elections are reimbursed

by the municipality to the county. If the expenses of a municipal primary or election cannot be directly attributed to a single municipality, the expenses are apportioned 25% to the county and 75% to the municipalities in the county holding an election.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, circuit court clerk.

Information Sources:

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